



City of Cortez
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CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

March 14, 2023

Mayor and Council:

The following is my report for the current term:

- The second re-bid was sent out to install the HVAC for the Service Center and the Library. Zero bids were received. It will now have to go out for a third time. All the equipment has arrived and is ready to be installed. This has become a common problem nationwide. Most of the larger companies have secured their schedules for the first half of the year, and there are not many companies that are willing to take on smaller jobs.
- The City will be receiving five (5) new pieces of equipment over the next several months, a street sweeper by the end of June, 2023, three (3) rear load refuse trucks by the end of August, 2023, and a side load refuse truck by the end of December, 2023. This is a very large investment by the City to better serve our residents. I thought it would be fun to get community involvement and have a contest to name each piece of equipment. We could offer a prize for the winning submission and have a PR event in the fall in conjunction with the public works clean up week.
- The last of the loan payments has been made. All five (5) loans are now paid in full and the City is officially debt free.
- The first meeting for the Safe Streets planning grant was held last Tuesday, March 7, 2023. This grant will help the City with planning for multi modal transportation. We will be including the airport in this planning process to help tie it in with future multi modal transportation.
- Employee Spotlight – Don Royce, Public Works
Don Royce is our Public Works Superintendent and he is a model employee! He has 36 years of experience with the City of Cortez and has more institutional knowledge of the City's streets and waterlines than anyone else. Don is a consummate professional and is well-respected by his peers, by the public, and by City leadership. He tackles problems head on and is a valuable member of the Public Works team. Most recently, he did an exceptional job in overseeing the City's snow removal during the most recent storm. Besides directing the team, Don managed resources and handled complaints, going above and beyond to do his best to respond to complaints and help citizens with their snow issues. Don has a folksy, mild demeanor, that resonates with City residents. In addition, Don doesn't mind getting his hands dirty to complete a task and assists the short-handed street crews when necessary. He works tirelessly to keep the City's streets and waterlines functioning and he always performs his job with a smile on his face. Don is a true asset to our community.